

Distribution of characteristics

To aid in the interpretability of payroll job estimates, the following data download contains selected distributions of jobholder and employer characteristics by state and territory.

Records with 'unknown' characteristics have been excluded from the calculation of proportions. For more information on the source, impact and proportion of unknowns, see the Updating characteristic variables and Inclusion of unknown characteristics sections of [How data are processed \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-methodology/week-ending-16-march-2024#how-data-are-processed\)](#).

Table 20: Payroll jobs - characteristics distributions

Contains selected distributions of jobholder and employer characteristics.

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The source of employer characteristics - industry, employment size and sector - are periodically updated resulting in revisions to all industry, employment size and sector indexes from the point they are applied. The date at which employer characteristics are updated, called 'transition points', can be visible in the levels of some indexes. Users should always exercise caution when comparing week-on-week changes and index levels across transitions points - the latest being the week ending 30 December 2023. For more information on employer characteristics updates and transition points, see the [Update of employer characteristics \(<https://www.abs.gov.au/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-methodology/week-ending-17-february-2024#update-of-employer-characteristics>\)](#) section of the Methodology.

Due to the rising proportion of unknown sex, indexes of persons aged 15-19 years old by sex have been withdrawn (since the 11 May 2023 release) and appear as NA (not available) in Tables 4 and 8. Users are advised to consider the decline in accuracy when interpreting the indexes of persons aged 20-29 years old by sex due to the increasing proportion of jobholders with an unknown sex in this age group. For more information see the Sex and age group section.

Table 4: Payroll jobs indexes

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Table 6: Industry subdivision - Payroll jobs indexes

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Table 7: Employer characteristics - Payroll jobs index

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Table 8: Jobholder characteristics - Payroll jobs index

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Table 9: Sector - Payroll jobs index

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